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AND U.S. PORTRAYAL

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1. DESCRIBING TURKISH TROOP WITHDRAWAL AS "JUST A RUSE,"
GOC SPOKESMAN DEC. 22 WENT ON TO SAY CYPRUS GOVERNMENT DOES
NOT SHARE THE VIEW THAT WITHDRAWAL OF 700 TURKISH TROOPS FROM
NORTHERN CYPRUS WAS EVIDENCE OF GOOD WILL OR CONDUCIVE TO
RESUMPTION OF MEANINGFUL INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. REFERRING TO
STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CARTER'S STATEMENT ON THE WITHDRAWAL,
GOC SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT PRESENCE OF ANY NUMBER OF TURKISH
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TROOPS ON THE ISLAND CONSTITUTED AGGRESSION AND OCCUPA-
TION AND WAS CONTRARY TO UN RESOLUTIONS. HE SAID RECENT
STATEMENTS BY TURKISH OFFICIALS DID NOT INDICATE ANY
CHANGE IN TURKEY'S POLICY; THE TURKISH SIDE PERSISTS IN
REFUSING TO SUBMIT COMPREHENSIVE AND CONCRETE PROPOSALS
WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR A RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.
ON BACKGROUND FOR ATTRIBUTION TO "GREEK CYPRIOT SOURCES,"

SPOKESMAN TERMED THE TURKISH MOVE PART OF A "PEACE OFFENSIVE" CALCULATED TO GIVE A SEMBLANCE OF PROGRESS ON CYPRUS IN ORDER TO EASE THE LIFT OF THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO.

2. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS, WHICH HAS GIVEN MINIMAL ATTENTION TO TROOP WITHDRAWAL UP TO NOW, RAN GOC SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT UNDER BANNER HEADLINES DEC. 23. MOST PAPERS CHARACTERIZE GOC SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT AS "DISPUTING" OR "DISAGREEING WITH" HODDING CARTER STATEMENT. RIGHTIST DAILY AGON SAYS THAT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT SHOWS THAT GOC "RADICALLY DISAGREES" WITH AMERICAN ASSESSMENT OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL. SOCIALIST TA NEA REPORTS THAT USG IS ATTEMPTING TO MISLEAD CONGRESS.

3. AT SAME PRESS BRIEFING BUT ON BACKGROUND, GOC SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT GOVERNMENT HAD ASSURANCES FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT AND AMERICAN EMBASSY IN NICOSIA THAT, CONTRARY TO TURKISH PRESS REPORTS, PRESIDENT CARTER HAD NO PLANS TO RECEIVE "TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH.
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